

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2011

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended February 19, 2011, there were 515,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan during February 2011, a decrease of 1,700 from January 2011 and 200 less than the number employed in February 2010.

Agricultural employment was 36,800 persons in February 2011, down 700 from the January 2011 level and 5,700 less than the February 2010 agricultural employment level of 42,500. Non-agricultural employment was 478,900 persons in February 2011. This is a decrease of 1,000 from the January 2011 non-agriculture employment level of 479,900 but 5,500 more than February 2010.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2011 was 6.1 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the January 2011 rate of 5.6 percent and 1.4 percentage points higher than the February 2010 level of 4.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 800 to 549,000 persons in February 2011 from 548,200 persons in January 2011. This is 7,600 more than the February 2010 labour force of 541,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate was 68.9 percent, unchanged from January 2011. The February 2010 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.8 percent.

There were 33,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2011. This is an increase of 2,600 from January 2011 and is 7,800 more than the number unemployed in February 2010.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 523,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2011, down 3,300 from the January 2011 level of 526,500 but unchanged from February 2010.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2011 was 5.7 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the January 2011 rate of 5.4 percent and 1.3 percentage points higher than the February 2010 rate of 4.4 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 64,000 persons in February 2011 to 16,941,000 persons from 16,877,000 persons in January 2011. In February 2010, there were 16,622,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points to 8.0 percent from the January 2011 level of 8.1 percent. In February 2010, Canada's unemployment rate was 8.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.8 percent in February 2011. This is unchanged from January 2011 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the February 2010 level of 8.2 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	<u>February 2011</u>	<u>January 2011</u>	<u>February 2010</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,418.6	18,367.9	18,174.5	50.7	244.1
Employed ('000)	16,941.0	16,877.0	16,622.1	64.0	318.9
Full-Time ('000)	13,412.1	13,426.2	13,272.7	-14.1	139.4
Part-Time ('000)	3,528.9	3,450.8	3,349.4	78.1	179.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,477.6	1,490.9	1,552.4	-13.3	-74.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	8.1	8.5	-0.1	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.8	7.8	8.2	0.0	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	66.0	66.0	0.1	0.1
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	549.0	548.2	541.4	0.8	7.6
Employed ('000)	515.7	517.4	515.9	-1.7	-0.2
Full-Time ('000)	420.2	418.6	417.8	1.6	2.4
Part-Time ('000)	95.5	98.8	98.1	-3.3	-2.6
Unemployed ('000)	33.3	30.7	25.5	2.6	7.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	5.6	4.7	0.5	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.4	4.4	0.3	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	68.9	68.8	0.0	0.1
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,177.6	2,163.9	2,130.8	13.7	46.8
Employed ('000)	2,051.2	2,031.0	1,982.5	20.2	68.7
Full-Time ('000)	1,653.5	1,640.3	1,612.6	13.2	40.9
Part-Time ('000)	397.7	390.7	369.9	7.0	27.8
Unemployed ('000)	126.4	132.9	148.3	-6.5	-21.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	6.1	7.0	-0.3	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.9	6.8	-0.2	-1.1
Participation Rate (%)	72.9	72.5	72.4	0.4	0.5
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	653.6	647.4	641.7	6.2	11.9
Employed ('000)	616.9	613.6	605.2	3.3	11.7
Full-Time ('000)	487.4	487.1	481.5	0.3	5.9
Part-Time ('000)	129.5	126.5	123.7	3.0	5.8
Unemployed ('000)	36.7	33.9	36.5	2.8	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.2	5.7	0.4	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	5.0	5.4	0.3	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	68.3	68.6	0.6	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February <u>2011</u>	January <u>2011</u>	February <u>2010</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	549.0	548.2	541.4	0.8	7.6
Male	294.4	291.9	289.5	2.5	4.9
Female	254.6	256.3	251.9	-1.7	2.7
15-24 Years of Age	88.9	86.8	89.5	2.1	-0.6
25+ Years of age	460.1	461.3	451.9	-1.2	8.2
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	515.7	517.4	515.9	-1.7	-0.2
Male	274.1	274.1	273.1	0.0	1.0
Female	241.6	243.3	242.9	-1.7	-1.3
15-24 Years of Age	77.4	77.6	81.7	-0.2	-4.3
25+ Years of age	438.3	439.8	434.2	-1.5	4.1
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	33.3	30.7	25.5	2.6	7.8
Male	20.3	17.7	16.4	2.6	3.9
Female	13.0	13.0	9.1	0.0	3.9
15-24 Years of Age	11.6	9.3	7.8	2.3	3.8
25+ Years of age	21.7	21.5	17.7	0.2	4.0
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	6.1	5.6	4.7	0.5	1.4
Male	6.9	6.1	5.7	0.8	1.2
Female	5.1	5.1	3.6	0.0	1.5
15-24 Years of Age	13.0	10.7	8.7	2.3	4.3
25+ Years of age	4.7	4.7	3.9	0.0	0.8
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	68.9	68.9	68.8	0.0	0.1
Male	74.6	74.0	74.4	0.6	0.2
Female	63.3	63.8	63.4	-0.5	-0.1
15-24 Years of Age	64.7	63.1	64.7	1.6	0.0
25+ Years of age	69.8	70.1	69.7	-0.3	0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	<u>February 2011</u>	<u>January 2011</u>	<u>February 2010</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	36.8	37.5	42.5	-0.7	-5.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.0	25.5	28.3	-0.5	-3.3
Utilities	5.9	5.3	4.2	0.6	1.7
Construction	37.6	37.9	34.6	-0.3	3.0
Manufacturing	28.8	26.7	29.0	2.1	-0.2
Trade	81.0	81.3	76.8	-0.3	4.2
Transportation and Warehousing	25.9	26.6	26.6	-0.7	-0.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.8	30.8	30.5	1.0	1.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.4	21.6	23.4	-0.2	-2.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.9	10.6	12.8	0.3	-1.9
Educational Services	41.0	41.4	40.1	-0.4	0.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	64.7	67.5	68.6	-2.8	-3.9
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.3	20.8	16.9	-1.5	2.4
Accommodation and Food Services	30.1	29.5	30.9	0.6	-0.8
Other Services	25.8	26.0	22.7	-0.2	3.1
Public Administration	29.6	28.6	28.1	1.0	1.5
Total	515.7	517.4	515.9	-1.7	-0.2
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	420.2	418.6	417.8	1.6	2.4
Part-Time	95.5	98.8	98.1	-3.3	-2.6
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	420.9	421.5	414.0	-0.6	6.9
Public Sector	133.1	134.5	131.3	-1.4	1.8
Private Sector	287.8	287.0	282.6	0.8	5.2
Self-Employed	94.8	95.9	102.0	-1.1	-7.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February 2011	January 2011	February 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,941.0	16,877.0	16,622.1	64.0	318.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	214.2	212.6	203.2	1.6	11.0
Prince Edward Island	65.6	65.6	66.9	0.0	-1.3
Nova Scotia	436.8	440.2	436.3	-3.4	0.5
New Brunswick	339.9	337.7	345.7	2.2	-5.8
Quebec	3,876.7	3,849.5	3,790.4	27.2	86.3
Ontario	6,596.6	6,593.0	6,460.3	3.6	136.3
Manitoba	616.9	613.6	605.2	3.3	11.7
Saskatchewan	515.7	517.4	515.9	-1.7	-0.2
Alberta	2,051.2	2,031.0	1,982.5	20.2	68.7
British Columbia	2,227.6	2,216.4	2,215.6	11.2	12.0
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	8.0	8.1	8.5	-0.1	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.8	14.0	16.6	-0.2	-2.8
Prince Edward Island	14.0	14.4	12.3	-0.4	1.7
Nova Scotia	10.3	10.3	10.1	0.0	0.2
New Brunswick	10.7	10.2	9.7	0.5	1.0
Quebec	8.3	8.7	8.9	-0.4	-0.6
Ontario	8.0	8.1	9.1	-0.1	-1.1
Manitoba	5.6	5.2	5.7	0.4	-0.1
Saskatchewan	6.1	5.6	4.7	0.5	1.4
Alberta	5.8	6.1	7.0	-0.3	-1.2
British Columbia	9.1	8.7	7.9	0.4	1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	February <u>2011</u>	January <u>2011</u>	February <u>2010</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	17,229.6	17,214.5	16,907.9	15.1	321.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.7	227.8	216.8	-0.1	10.9
Prince Edward Island	70.2	70.6	71.5	-0.4	-1.3
Nova Scotia	452.4	453.8	452.4	-1.4	0.0
New Brunswick	353.3	353.1	358.8	0.2	-5.5
Quebec	3,964.8	3,956.8	3,879.0	8.0	85.8
Ontario	6,685.2	6,695.9	6,547.7	-10.7	137.5
Manitoba	624.9	624.6	613.1	0.3	11.8
Saskatchewan	523.2	526.5	523.2	-3.3	0.0
Alberta	2,067.5	2,053.8	1,999.2	13.7	68.3
British Columbia	2,260.5	2,251.6	2,246.3	8.9	14.2
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	7.8	7.8	8.2	0.0	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.8	12.4	14.8	0.4	-2.0
Prince Edward Island	11.7	11.3	10.2	0.4	1.5
Nova Scotia	9.5	9.5	9.2	0.0	0.3
New Brunswick	9.8	9.1	9.1	0.7	0.7
Quebec	7.7	7.9	8.2	-0.2	-0.5
Ontario	8.0	8.1	9.1	-0.1	-1.1
Manitoba	5.3	5.0	5.4	0.3	-0.1
Saskatchewan	5.7	5.4	4.4	0.3	1.3
Alberta	5.7	5.9	6.8	-0.2	-1.1
British Columbia	8.8	8.2	7.7	0.6	1.1

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>February 2011</u>	<u>January 2011</u>	<u>February 2010</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	6.5	6.5	8.0	0.0	-1.5
Halifax	6.6	6.3	6.2	0.3	0.4
Saint John	6.6	5.7	7.9	0.9	-1.3
Quebec	5.6	5.0	4.5	0.6	1.1
Montreal	8.3	8.2	9.4	0.1	-1.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.2	6.1	6.0	0.1	0.2
Greater Sudbury	7.3	7.5	11.0	-0.2	-3.7
Toronto	7.6	7.6	8.8	0.0	-1.2
Winnipeg	5.5	5.1	5.7	0.4	-0.2
Regina	4.8	4.0	4.5	0.8	0.3
Saskatoon	5.4	5.1	4.3	0.3	1.1
Calgary	6.0	5.9	6.9	0.1	-0.9
Edmonton	5.6	5.5	6.8	0.1	-1.2
Vancouver	8.0	7.0	7.6	1.0	0.4
Victoria	6.5	6.3	7.5	0.2	-1.0
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	159.0	162.2	153.5	-3.2	5.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.5	50.4	50.6	0.1	-0.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	172.0	172.0	175.9	0.0	-3.9
Yorkton-Melville	38.3	38.2	39.3	0.1	-1.0
Prince Albert & Northern	98.0	98.0	95.1	0.0	2.9

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER
(3 Month Moving Average)

	February 2011	January 2011	February 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	547.7	548.4	536.7	-0.7	11.0
Employed ('000)	517.0	519.9	510.2	-2.9	6.8
Unemployed ('000)	30.8	28.5	26.4	2.3	4.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.2	4.9	0.4	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.9	68.3	-0.1	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	64.9	65.4	64.9	-0.5	0.0
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	505.7	506.8	497.8	-1.1	7.9
Employed ('000)	482.9	485.5	476.9	-2.6	6.0
Unemployed ('000)	22.8	21.3	20.9	1.5	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.2	4.2	0.3	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	69.8	69.3	-0.2	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	66.4	66.8	66.4	-0.4	0.0
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	42.0	41.6	38.8	0.4	3.2
Employed ('000)	34.0	34.4	33.3	-0.4	0.7
Unemployed ('000)	8.0	7.2	5.6	0.8	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.0	17.3	14.3	1.7	4.7
Participation Rate (%)	60.8	60.4	57.3	0.4	3.5
Employment Rate (%)	49.3	49.9	49.1	-0.6	0.2
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	16.4	16.1	14.6	0.3	1.8
Employed ('000)	12.4	12.3	11.8	0.1	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	4.0	3.7	2.8	0.3	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	24.4	23.2	18.9	1.2	5.5
Participation Rate (%)	54.3	53.2	49.2	1.1	5.1
Employment Rate (%)	41.1	40.9	39.9	0.2	1.2
<u>MÉTIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	25.6	25.5	24.1	0.1	1.5
Employed ('000)	21.6	22.0	21.3	-0.4	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	4.0	3.5	2.8	0.5	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.7	13.7	11.6	2.0	4.1
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	65.9	63.5	0.0	2.4
Employment Rate (%)	55.6	56.9	56.1	-1.3	-0.5

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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